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Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Nucleic Acid Ladders**  
Inventors: Hu *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4340002/RWE

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated December 20, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,730.00 to cover:  
\$1,400.00 Issue Fee;  
30.00 Advance copies of patent; and  
300.00 Publication Fee;
3. Submission of Drawings; and
4. Three (3) sheets of Replacement drawings (Figures 1-3; Figures 2 and 3 on photographic paper), approval of which is respectfully requested; and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

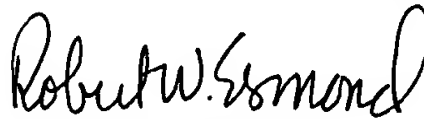
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37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are three sheets of Replacement drawings with Figures 1-3, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Figures 2 and 3 contain photographs, and are provided herewith on photographic paper. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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